[16th August 1956

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :

	Madras City.	Mufassal.
(a)	91	793
(b)	Rs. 45,041	Rs. 10,87,391
(c)	1	8

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : கிராமங்களில் ஒருவருக்கொருவர் ஏற்படும் கோபதாபங்கள் காரணமாக தீ விபத்துகள் ஏற்படுகின்றன. குடிசைகளை இழந்தவர்களுக்கு ரூ. 30 கொடுப்பது அவர்களுக்கு போதவில்லை. மேலும், கிராமங்களில் தீ அணைக்கும் என்ஜின்கள் இல்லாத காரணத்தால் கஷ்டம் ஏற்படுகிறது. 60, 70 மைல்கள் சென்றால்தான் தீயணைக்கும் படையின் உதவி கிடைக்கிறது. ஆகவே, பல காலமாக சட்டசபையில் வற்புறுத்திவருவதுபோல, தாலுகா தலைமையிடங்களில் தீயணைக்கும் படை வைக்கவும், வீடு கட்டிக்கொள்ள 30 ரூபாயை அதிகப்படுத்தப்படுமா என்று கேட்கிறேன் ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : This question is with reference to the number of fire accidents. But if the hon. Member, in view of the information given, wants more fire stations to be located all over the district—certainly that is the aim of the Government—we should have priorities with reference to this in the spending of the money. Now the target fixed is that every municipality should have a fire station. Afterwards, we will take up the taluk headquarters. Perhaps, later on, when we progress further and make further developments, we may have a fire station in every village.

Revision of Electoral Rolls

* 120-E *Q.*—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken up the annual revision of the electoral rolls in the City of Madras and in the State;

(*b*) whether fresh electoral rolls will be printed or whether amendments will be issued to the existing rolls; and

(*c*) when the preliminary list of amendments, prepared by the enumerators, will be printed and published as the draft electoral rolls?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Under a programme followed from 1952 onwards, intensive revision of the electoral rolls, that is, by house-to-house enquiries by enumerators, is done in approximately one-fifth area in each district by rotation so that the entire State is covered by intensive revision by 1956. In such of the intensive revision areas where the rolls have not been consolidated in a previous year, consolidated draft rolls are prepared for preliminary publication. In all the remaining areas only a list of amendments integrating therein the previous years' lists, if any, is prepared. In Madras City where the roll was consolidated and re-printed in 1955 only an integrated list of amendments has been prepared this year.

(c) The draft electoral rolls have already been published in all areas except Madras City. Final publication has also been completed in several areas. In Madras City the draft rolls are expected to be published in the second half of August.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Sir, even after the revisions, there are many people who are not put on the electoral rolls. It seems that the last date fixed for enrolment is already past. Will the Government see that the period for enrolment is extended by at least two more weeks and forms for enrolment are kept with the village officers and not with Tahsildars only?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Once the time is extended, the various other stages of work also will have to be postponed We have to keep in mind the impending general elections also.

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : In three places, namely, Papanasam in Tanjore district, Tirumayam in Tiruchirappalli district, and Uthamapalayam in Madurai district, the time limit has been extended up to the 20th of this month. On what basis has this time limit been extended? Who is the authority to give information to the Election Commission to extend the time limit? In what circumstances these three constituencies have been chosen for this purpose?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The various stages of publication of the electoral rolls and the extention of time limit are arranged by the Election Commission. Of course, the recommendation is made by the Chief Electoral Officer of the Madras State. But if the hon. Member wants information with reference to particular places, he may give notice of a separate question.

Removal of certain machines from Fort Cochin

* 120-F Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state— 10-20 a.m.

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have passed orders recently for the removal of machines and electrical goods worth rupees two lakhs from Fort Cochin to Rameswaram ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) Does not arise.

Dead body of Kalliani

* 120-G Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the dead body of one Kalliani was found in the Namasivayam tank in Nanmanda amsam in Kozhikode taluk, Malabar district, on 3rd May 1956, under suspicious circumstances;